Cost of Generation of Power by NIPC

7120. SHRI RAMA KRISHAN KONTHALA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost of genration per KW through thermal, hydel, gas, and Nulear based power plants in the country;

(b) whether the average cost of generation per KW generated by the NIPC in higher than that of Andhra Pradesh State Thermal Plants; and

(c) if so, the details and the action taken to reduce overheads expenditure of the NIPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone to Pancha yats in Himachal Pradesh

7121. SHRI D.D. KHANORLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICAT IONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give priority to Himachal Pradesh for implement the policy Telephone for all panchauyat's ' and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU); (a) and (b). The Govt, have planned to provide telephone facility to all Panchayat village including those of Himachal Pradesh on priority by 31st March 1995 subject to technical feasibility and avilability of resources.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Iron ore to Bhilai Steel Plant

7122. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether production target of the Bhilai Steel Plant has been affected due to scarcity of the iron ore and non- Approaching of railway track up to Bailadila mines; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to supply requisite quantity of iron ore to the said plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONT. OSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Electrification of Villages in Tamil Nadu

7123. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages electrified in Tanjore District of Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the number of villages yet to be electified;

(c) the time by which the remaining villages are likely to be electrified; and

(d) the amount allocated for power sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan for Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Tamil Nadu state Electricity Board has reported that as per 1971 Census all inhabited villages in Tanjore District had been electrified before the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) The allocation for the Tamil Nadu for Eighth Five Year Plan for the Power sector has not yet been finalised.

IB Valley Power Plant

7124. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the visit of a U.S. power experts team to Orissa for setting up of a thermal power plant at IB valley; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under active consideration of State Government of Orissa.

[*Translation*]

STD/Telex Facility in aligarh, U.P.

7125. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities of STD, telex and automatic telephone exchange are quite inadequate in Aligarh Parliamentary constituency, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRII P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Information is beging collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Potential of Hydro Power

7126. DR. D. VNENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated potential of Hydro-electric Power in our country;

(b) the estents, it falls short of the demand; and

(c) the methods Governmet are contemplating to adopt to utilise this source of energy fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). As per the Hydro-electric re-assessment studies completed in Central Electricity Authority, the hydor-eclectric potential of the country is estimated at 84044 MW at 60 per cent load factor. Out of this 14.37 per cent has already been developed and 6.82 per cent is under various stages of development.

(c) To utilise the hydro potential for generation of power, various hydro electric power projects are being constructed by various State Governments and by the Government of India in the Central Sector. Private sector participation in hydel development is also being encouraged.